

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059  
May 7, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>Anita Perry</b> , Chair	<b>Jay Cullen</b> , Virginia State Police	Tim Perkins	Shawn Rivard
<b>Denise Baylous</b> , Nightingale		Michael Berg	Tim Hodge
<b>Susan Smith</b> , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard		George Lindbeck	Maggie McCauley
<b>Bert Bogue</b> , VCU LifeEvac		Wanda Street	Jason Post
<b>Dwain Rowe</b> , Wings Air Rescue			Jay Lovelady
<b>Ed Brazle</b> , Virginia Beach EMS			Perry Benshoof
<b>Jennifer Lescallett</b> , Fairfax Co. Police			Rachel Dillon
<b>Marilyn McLeod</b> , Centra Health/GAB Member (BREMS)			Jon Kaminski
<b>Devon Clary</b> , LifeEvac of Virginia			Mike Sontos
<b>Chris Shaffer</b> , PHI			Barb Brown
<b>Julia Marsden</b> , Consumer Rep/Adv. Board Member			Allan Belcher
<b>Tim Ryan</b> , U.S. Park Police			Genemarie McGee
			Terry Austin
			Stephen Peluse

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the February 12, 2015 minutes:</b>	A motion was made to review and approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Ed Brazle. The minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The February 12, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Anita Perry:</b>	Anita will incorporate her report into the agenda items as the meeting progresses. However, she thanked everyone for submitting their Cardiac data for the Project Synergy workgroup. There were a lot of good questions. She appreciates everyone’s focus on this project.	
<b>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</b>	<p>Tim will be going back and forth today between this meeting and the Workforce Development Committee Meeting. As stated at the previous meeting, he is taking on Carol Morrow’s duties since her retirement.</p> <p>Michael Berg gave a brief update on the National Ambulance Standards which can be found on page 52 of the May 8 OEMS Quarterly Report which is posted on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Michael also reported that another wage position has been filled to assist Mrs. Regina Garcia with the</p>	

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	<p>Background Checks. The new employee will begin on May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Regulations &amp; Legislation – The regulations for the Financial Assistance Review Committee, which is technical clean up, has made it past the Attorney General’s Office and is currently under review at the Department of Planning and Budget. The Fast Track regulatory Packet for the word “affiliation” to be placed back into Section 9-10 of the regulations is still in the Governor’s Office awaiting approval. Michael has initiated all of the paperwork to address legislation that was passed the last session for the technical clean up language. A regulatory packet will be introduced (final exempt). Senate Bill 997 was passed which is the Background Check Bill in which agencies can do their own background checks if an ordinance is in place.</p>	
<p><b>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Tim Perkins and Anita Perry:</b></p>	<p>Anita stated that she has had some really positive data submission from almost all of the agencies. She also explained that she has been on the road for the last three weeks and has not been able to compile the data. She will have it sent out by Tim as soon as she can and apologized for not getting it out sooner. There are a few systems that she needs to speak with. Again she thanked everyone for their submissions. She would like to gather the data for another quarter. She wants the workgroup to think about what we want to do with the data and what other measures to add, develop some goals and maybe send the data out to individual agencies to benchmark against other agencies. If anyone is interested in any of this, please see Anita or get with any of the other workgroup members (Susan, Denise, Bert or Tim). The workgroup will meet before the next committee meeting and review the data and see where we want to go from here.</p> <p>The Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) has reached out to Tim and Anita to see if they would present at their meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Lynchburg. The presentation will be sent out to the committee for their review as well.</p> <p>Anita also mentioned that she wants to add the STEMI code time to the data collection. The committee feels that this is a great measure to add. Some systems call them STEMI Codes and some say STEMI Alerts.</p>	
<p><b>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:</b></p>	<p><b>a. Statistics Report</b> The Helicopter EMS program continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 513 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the first quarter of 2015. 72% of those entries (373 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is a slight increase from information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 584 entries in the first quarter of 2014. This data continues to show a commitment to the program and to maintaining the safety of Medevac personnel and equipment in Virginia.</p> <p><b>b. Duplication of Entries</b> There was no duplication of entries in the first quarter of 2015.</p> <p><b>c. LZControl</b> Tim is continuing to work with John Cornett and Mark Bohn of LZControl on the data points that we need to collect in order to make this as user friendly as possible.</p>	<p><b>Tim will continue to work with LZControl.</b></p>
<p><b>Program Announcements:</b></p>	<p><b>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> – Susan reported that LifeGuard will have it’s First Annual 5K Rotor Run on Saturday, July 11, 2015. For more information or to register, go to <a href="https://rotorrun.org/">https://rotorrun.org/</a>. All of the</p>	

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	<p>proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a RN and/or Paramedic who have an interest in a HEMS profession in the future. She also stated that Charlotte Clark is the recipient of the scholarship award for the Safety Management Training Academy (SMTA). Carilion just had a successful OEMS site inspection.</p> <p><b>Chris Shaffer, PHI</b> – Chris reported that their OEMS inspection is coming up in July. PHI was awarded the Mission Lifeline Bronze Award. Sent out a notice to Tim which was distributed about UVA &amp; Fairfax concerning exhaust fumes entering the HVAC systems.</p> <p><b>Denise Baylous, Nightingale</b> – Denise said that Nightingale has been asked to host the Great American Safety Drive on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She will send a notice out to Tim for distribution with more information. Jon has also asked them to host the East Coast Helicopter Operations on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Coliseum. They will also have a Medevac track as well as other educational opportunities for police, etc.</p> <p><b>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS</b> – Virginia Beach has had a successful OEMS inspection as well.</p> <p><b>Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Anita Perry, WellmontOne/MedFlight II</b> – Anita reported that Wellmont is exploring the option of merging with a neighboring and competing health system (Wings). Approvals may be received by the end of this year but until then everything is business as usual.</p> <p><b>Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health</b> – No report. Dr. McLeod asked Michael Berg to speak on Section 390 of the Regulations.</p> <p>Michael Berg explained that Section 390 says that agencies need to comply to with the Regional Trauma and Specialty Care Plans, which means that patients should go to the appropriate hospitals. OEMS was challenged by VDH Administration that agencies need to be compliant at a rate of 98%. OEMS will look at the VPHIB data to determine if the patient was taken to the correct facility based on certain criteria. The enforcement will be “gentle” at first with a letter to the Medical Director and the Chief Officer of the agency. This will be a huge learning curve, especially for ground agencies.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod is concerned with the data being incorrect. Dr. Lindbeck explained that the VPHIB dataset is a lot better than it used to be. The Trauma Division has put forth a lot of effort to improve the quality of the data that is being obtained. The new VPHIB dataset will mirror the NEMSIS dataset.</p> <p><b>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue</b> – As Anita stated, Wings may merge with Wellmont. This will be interesting for both Anita and I. Wings will receive four brand new 407s in the next few weeks.</p> <p><b>Terry Austin, LifeEvac</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Bert Bogue, VCU LifeEvac</b> – Bert reported that the VCU ground operations are moving forward. They</p>	<p><b>Denise will send an email to Tim about the Great American Safety Drive. Tim will distribute to the committee.</b></p>

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	<p>continue to explore different air frames to meet the missions for the future of health systems. VCU is on target with their partnership with Virginia State Police to go live July 1st.</p> <p><b>Shawn Rivard, VSP</b> – Shawn reported that they are moving forward with the partnership with VCU. They have hired one of the four nurses. One more is in process right now and another will be interviewed this week. They are hoping to have all four by July 1. Police helicopter did some rescue work about three weeks ago when three Dominion Virginia Power employees were rescued out of the Pamunkey River at about 2 a.m. One of the younger pilots flew and he will receive an award tomorrow. All four 407s are being refurbished. He also asked everyone to keep Greg Jones in your thoughts and prayers. His mother was partially run over by a vehicle and is getting part of her right leg amputated and she has some broken ribs. Greg’s father is also elderly and not doing too well.</p> <p><b>Jon Kaminski, East Coast Helicopter Operations (ECHO)</b> – On July 25 and 26 Children’s National and ECHO will host a Pediatric and Adolescent Difficult Airway Course which will be free of charge. The course is limited to 150 participants and will be held at the Fairfax County Rescue &amp; Training Academy. Jon will send the information to Tim to be distributed to the committee.</p> <p><b>Devon Clary, LifeEvac</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Steve Peluse, MedStar Transport</b> – MedStar has received their CAMTS accreditation. They are expecting the arrival of a new 135 in August.</p> <p><b>Jennifer Lescallet, Fairfax County Police</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Allan Belcher, Centra Health</b> – No report.</p>	<p><b>Jon will send the Difficult Airway Course information to Tim to be distributed to the committee.</b></p>
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	<p><b>a. FAA Rules Extension</b> The workgroup, which consisted of Bert Bogue, Shawn Rivard, Chris Shaffer, Anita Perry and Tim Perkins, met via conference call on March 5 and found no conflict between the FAA Rules Regulations and the Virginia EMS Regulations.</p> <p><b>b. 2015 Virginia EMS Symposium</b> Unfortunately, the Medevac track has been removed from the 2015 Symposium due to a lack of submissions. However, there will still be some educational HEMS courses, but not a dedicated Medevac track.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Anita asked Michael Berg to share some information on the REPLICIA Compact. Michael reported that there was a National initiative that the Department of Homeland Security asked NASEMSO to lead and develop a compact program. Hundreds of EMS workers cross borders into other states every day. This Compact is so providers practicing in one state can go to another state and not have to have a license in that state unless you are residing in that state. Scott Winston served on the Technical Writing Committee for this project. Legislation was sponsored for the last General Assembly. It was endorsed by the Governor, but a Delegate (Mr. Orr) did not like it and killed it. The legislation died. It was stated that we should have MOUs and not a Compact. This will be reintroduced next year. There have been attempts to educate the Delegate, but those attempts were</p>	

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	<p>unsuccessful. Please see the attached documents submitted by Anita.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               ems_licensing.pdf         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Quick Facts              05052015v2.docx         </div> </div> <p><b>Upcoming Dates:</b>              EMS Week, May 17 - 23              National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, From Boston to Alexandria, May 16 – 23              Virginia Fire and EMS Memorial Service, Richmond International Raceway, June 6              National EMS Memorial Service, Colorado Springs, CO, June 27. This is moving to Virginia in 2016.</p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.	<b>2015 Meeting Dates:</b> August 6, November 11

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